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- Call 911 with the exact location. Write down what happened to victim to help EMT assess injury.
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Information to gather

- Vehicle license plate number and state of issue.
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- Witnesses' name, address and phone (ask to remain on the scene).
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- Take notes. Write down what happened and conditions at the crash site as soon as possible.
- Preserve physical evidence–ripped clothing, damaged property, or other evidence from the impact. Photograph the car, license plate, crash scene, your injuries or bike.
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- If the *driver's insurer* asks for a statement, give only your name and phone number (or your lawyer's phone).
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